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SUBJECT: BRITISH INTENTIONS TOWARD UNITA

REF: LUSAKA 0515

1. SINCE RETURNING TO LONDON, FONSEC CALLAGHAN'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN EAST AFRICA, DENIS GRENNAN, HAS BEEN TIED UP WITH SEYCHELLES INDEPENDENCE TALKS; HE WAS ACTING AS A CONSTITUTIONAL ADVISOR TO SEYCHELLOIS PRIOR TO BEING SENT TO EAST AFRICA. EMBOFF EXPECTS TO SEE HIM, HOWEVER, IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. MEANWHILE, OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS BRITISH ATTITUDE TO-  
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WARD UNITA AROSE DURING MARCH 25 CONVERSATION WITH MARTIN

REID, HEAD OF CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEPARTMENT AT FCO. REID CONFIRMED THAT SAVIMBI WOULD BE COMING TO LONDON IN MID-APRIL AND WOULD BE SEEING VARIOUS UK OFFICIALS. BRITISH, HOWEVER, HAD NO INTENTION TO TRY TO PICK A WINNER IN ANGOLA AND TO BACK SAVIMBI OR ANYONE ELSE AT THIS STAGE.

3. COMMENT: AS REPORTED LONDON'S 3991 (NOTAL), BRITISH ARE INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING CLOSER CONTACT AND PROVIDING MINIMAL ASSISTANCE TO FUTURE GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA. THEIR ABILITY TO HELP IS STRICTLY LIMITED AND WHAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO DO ON THEIR OWN WOULD HAVE NO GREAT IMPACT. BRITISH GOVERNMENT, NEVERTHELESS, IS ANXIOUS TO ESTABLISH BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP WITH FRELIMO AND ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS IN ORDER TO EXERT WHAT INFLUENCE THEY CAN AS WESTERN ALTERNATE TO SOVIETS AND CHINESE. END COMMENT.

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